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| FOR: OPTICAL FIBRE PROBE FOR |) | |
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AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION

Honorable Director of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

The present application is the national filing of International Application No. PCT/GB00/02491. Before calculation of the national filing fee for the United States, it is requested that the application be amended as follows:

In the claims:

Amend claims 4 - 6 as follows:

- (amended). A probe as claimed in claim 1, wherein the outer diameter of 4. the outer core is approximately 250 µm.
- 5. (amended). A probe as claimed in claim 1, wherein the interferometer film is butted against the second end of the fibre.

